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For: **A METHOD FOR THE PROTECTION OF GERMINATING SEED AND
PESTICIDE-COATED PELLETS**

Appendix B

Please amend the following claims as indicated in the following clean copy of the claims.

B1
1. (Once Amended) Method for the protection of germinating seed coated with a pesticide, characterized in that seed-containing pellets and pesticide-containing pellets are sown as individual pellets at the same time.

B2
3. (Twice Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets comprise a dose of pesticide that is sufficient for one seed germ.

B3
5. (Twice Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the pesticide-containing pellets and the seed-containing pellets have a substantially uniform diameter ranging from 0.5-5 mm.